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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

11 February 22, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S PURCHASING AGENT  
TO PURCHASE ONE FIXED ASSET ITEM IN EXCESS OF \$250,000  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request Board approval to authorize the Los Angeles County's (County) Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of an Opposed Boarding System Vessel (Vessel) to assist in the security of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of one Vessel. The purchase exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition process.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On March 16, 2010, the Board approved the acceptance of the 2008 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as distributed through the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area. The UASI Approval Authority has approved the purchase of the Vessel, as this purchase would assist in the security of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which would benefit all citizens and businesses in the County. Safe ports are not only vital to the well being of the citizens of the County, but have dire fiscal impact to insure goods and services flow without interruption.

In the event of a terrorist or criminal incident in the port, the Department only has ship boarding capabilities by air. The purchase of a Vessel will allow the Department to board ships by sea. The entire Opposed Boarding System consists of three vessels. One vessel will be funded by this grant funding acceptance, and the other two vessels will be funded by a one million dollar port grant recently awarded to the Department. In the event of an emergency and/or during training, Department members from the Special Enforcement Bureau will operate these vessels.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Public Safety, as this action supports our public safety mission by increasing security at our ports.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The funding for this purchase will come from the 2008 UASI grant. There is no matching fund requirement or impact on net County cost. The cost of this Vessel is \$497,000, which has been included in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions for purchasing.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The acquisition of equipment is under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent and will be requisitioned, solicited, and purchased in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The purchase of the Vessel will assist the Department in maintaining and increasing its port security and mutual aid obligations.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please return four individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA  
Sheriff

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